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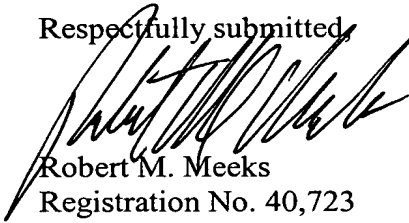
Applicant appreciates the detailed examination evidenced by the Office Action mailed September 20, 2005 (hereinafter "Office Action"), and more particularly, the indication that Claims 1-4 are allowable. Applicant notes that the undersigned has been retained as Applicant's representative in further prosecution of the present Application, as indicated in a new Power of Attorney and Correspondence Address Indication filed concurrently herewith.

Applicant has added new Claims 5-8, which substantially correspond to allowed Claims 1-4, but have been drafted to overcome the formal objections raised in the Office Action. Applicant has canceled Claims 1-4. Applicant requests entry of these amendments prior to examination of the present RCE. Applicant submits that new Claims 5-8 are patentable for at least similar reasons supporting the indicated patentability of Claims 1-4 and, therefore, are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits herewith replacement formal drawings, which address the objections to the drawings.

Applicant also submits herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant requests consideration of the references cited therein, and acknowledgment of such consideration by return of a copy of the initialed form PTO-1499.

Applicant submits that the formal objections to the specification and claims have been overcome, and that the claims are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests allowance of the claims and passing of the application to issue in due course. Applicants urge the Examiner to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at (919) 854-1400 to resolve any remaining formal issues.

Respectfully submitted,



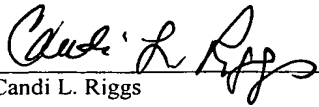
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In the Drawings:

The attached set of replacement drawings address objections raised in the Office Action.